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LETTER FROM GENERAL GREENE TO GOVERNOR
MARTIN.

Head Quarters, January 7th, 1782.

Dear Sir:—

I am this moment informed by the Speaker of your House of Assembly that you are elected Governor of the State of Georgia. If you are the gentleman from Rhode Island to whom I had the honor of being introduced at the Congaree, I am happy in the choice & beg leave to congratulate you on your appointment. But if you are not the gentleman I must trust to your good nature to pardon the freedom of this familiar introduction, founded upon the supposition of the gentleman's being a countryman of mine.

General Wayne marches tomorrow with a considerable body of horse, some artillery & a quantity of ammunition, to take command in your State. He is an officer for whom I have the highest esteem, & whose military talents have made him conspicuous both in Europe and America. I flatter myself his appointment will be perfectly agreeable to your State, and that under his direction the inhabitants, if they afford him the aid and support they are able to give, will find great relief from the further ravages of the enemy.

The General is directed to make application to the Governor for such orders of Militia as he may find requisite for the purposes of his command, and I flatter myself the State will find it to her interest to concur in the measures he may recommend.

I cannot help recommending to your Excellency to open a door for the disabled of your State to come in with particular exceptions. It is better to save than destroy, especially when we are obliged to expose good men to destroy bad. It is always dangerous to push people to a state of desperation, & the satisfaction of revenge has but a momentary existence and is commonly succeeded by pity & remorse. The practice of plundering which I am told has been too much indulged with you, is very destructive to the morals & manners of people; habits & dispositions founded on this practice soon grow obstinate & are difficult to restrain. Indeed it is the most direct way of undermining all **Government**, & never fails to bring the laws into contempt, for people will not stop at the barriers which were first intended to bound them after having tasted the

sweets of possessing property by the easy modes of plunder. The preservation of morals and an encouragement to honest industry should be the first objects of Government; plundering is the destruction of both. I wish the cause of liberty may never be tarnished with inhumanity, nor the morals of people bartered in exchange for wealth.

I have the honor to be, &c., &c.

LETTERS OF PATRICK CARR, TERROR TO
BRITISH LOYALISTS, TO GOVERNORS JOHN
MARTIN AND LYMAN HALL, 1782 AND 1783.

During the American Revolution there was in Georgia a man who was most active in hunting down and punishing the enemies of the cause of the colonies, and his special efforts were directed against the Tories, of whom it is said that, with his own hands, he killed one hundred. He was an Irishman, and, when provoked, let his temper run high. His name was Patrick Carr, and he was a citizen of Jefferson County after the War, and there he is said to have lived many years, and met his death at the hands of some descendants of Tories whom he had offended. It is recorded that when once praised for his courage he replied that he would have made a good soldier, but God had given him too merciful a heart.

The letters which follow show the spirit in which he carried out his purpose of standing by the American cause. They are given just as they were written, without any corrections.

Letter From Capt. Patrick Carr to Governor Martin.

Silver Bluff, 11th Aug., 1782.

Dear Sir: —

This is to acquaint your honor with the situation of affairs in this part of the country, and to desire your directions how I shall act. There is a number of fellows about — some gave up to the Militia officers, & numbers still sculking about their homes. They are, chiefly, persons who stole out of Savannah before and about the fall of the town.